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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
130TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 748, L.D. 1010, “An Act To Establish the Maine Service Fellows Program”

Amend the bill in section 3 in §7506 in subsection 1 in paragraph A in the first line (page 1, line 16 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "citizens" and inserting the following: 'individuals'

Amend the bill in section 3 in §7506 in subsection 2 in paragraph E in the last line (page 2, line 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "school children" and inserting the following: 'schoolchildren or if otherwise required to receive federal funds'

Amend the bill in section 3 in §7506 in subsection 2 by inserting after paragraph E the following:

'F. Focusing the program on rural communities as defined by the United States Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service's rural-urban continuum codes, except that the commission shall use criteria other than the codes for defining rural communities in Penobscot County;'

Amend the bill in section 3 in §7506 in subsection 2 by relettering the paragraphs to read alphabetically.

Amend the bill in section 3 in §7506 in subsection 3 by striking out all of paragraph B (page 2, lines 20 to 27 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'B. A program completion bonus that includes, to the extent established by the commission by rule, an educational loan payment in an amount up to 20% of the stipend value paid on behalf of the program fellow to the holder of the loan; and'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 4 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 4. Program launch; advisory committee. The Maine Commission for Community Service shall establish an advisory committee to guide the launch of the Maine Service Fellows Program under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 7506. The advisory committee must include representatives of town managers, regional planning organizations, rural government leaders, not-for-profit organizations and the Maine

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 Municipal Association. The advisory committee shall: advise the commission to ensure
 2 the program is focused on local leadership; suggest criteria for the selection of program
 3 fellows; encourage publicity of the program, particularly for recovery initiatives related to
 4 the coronavirus disease 2019, also known as COVID-19; and assist the commission in
 5 monitoring progress of the program.

6 Within 180 days following the effective date of this Act, to the extent of any available
 7 funds, the Maine Commission for Community Service shall seek to establish in 2022 the
 8 first class of program fellows in the Maine Service Fellows Program under Title 5, section
 9 7506, consisting of 10 program fellows who agree to participate in the program for up to
 10 1,800 hours over a 12-month period beginning in 2022.'

11 Amend the bill in section 5 in the first line (page 3, line 1 in L.D.) by striking out the
 12 following: "commission" and inserting the following: 'Maine Commission for Community
 13 Service'

14 Amend the bill by inserting after section 5 the following:

15 '**Sec. 6. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
 16 allocations are made.

17 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

18 **Maine Service Fellows Program N367**

19 Initiative: Establishes base allocations to authorize expenditures for the Maine Service
 20 Fellows Program if funding is received from private sources.

21	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2021-22	2022-23
22	All Other	\$500	\$500
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24	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

25 **Maine Service Fellows Program N367**

26 Initiative: Establishes base allocations to authorize expenditures for the Maine Service
 27 Fellows Program if funding is received from federal sources.

28	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2021-22	2022-23
29	All Other	\$500	\$500
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31	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500

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33 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**
 34 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

35		2021-22	2022-23
36	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$500	\$500
37	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$500	\$500
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39	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$1,000	\$1,000

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41 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
 42 number to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies that the Maine Service Fellows Program increases opportunities for individuals, not just Maine citizens. It adds an advisory committee to assist the Maine Commission for Community Service in launching the program. It clarifies that criminal background checks for program fellows must be conducted in accordance with applicable federal funding requirements and it removes a compensation bonus that is already available.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)